In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following paragraph:

[0026] FIGURE 2A is a schematic partial cross-sectional view of the air bag module of Figure 1A;

Please replace paragraph [0046] with the following paragraph:

[0046] Referring to Figure 4C, the protrusion 168''' is comprised of a deformable, bendable material. As shown in Figure 4D, the protrusion 168''' of an inner plate 24' is twisted or bent about the cushion 12 and the base plate [[56]] 56' by extending the protrusion 168''' through the alignable slotted fastener element openings 20, 60 in the cushion 12 and base plate 56', respectively. Referring again to Figure 4C, the bendable fastener tab type of protrusion 168''' may include a neck portion 175 that wedges into the base plate [[56]] 56' when the deformable tabs 168''' are deformed. To accomplish this wedging, the fastener element openings 60 in the base plate [[56]] 56' would be sized such that the neck portion 175 is aligned with, and wedges into, the fastener element openings 60 when the protrusion 168''' is bent, twisted or deformed. The base plate 56' is formed with a thickened area 169' to help accomplish the twisting and wedging action. The wedging further secures attachment of the inner plate, cushion, base plate and cover together.

Please replace paragraph [0047] with the following paragraph:

[0047] Referring to Figure 5C, an alternative embodiment of an interlocking tab 178'' is shown. The interlocking tab 178'' has a notch 171' similar to the

notch 171 of Figure 5B. The retaining element 170'' may be a rotational type retaining element that locks onto protrusions as does retaining element 170 shown in Figure 3. The notched portion 171' is designed to fit snuggly about the protrusion. For instance, if used with the inner plate 124 of Figure 3, the ~~noticed~~ notched portion 171' would engage with the protrusions 168 just above the L-shaped foot portion 176.